

HEALTH BOARD BESTS INFLUENZA

Persistent and Intelligent Measures Are Fast Restricting Dread Disease.

MASKING REGULATIONS ARE SLIGHTLY MODIFIED

Only Three or Four New Cases During Past Week—Emergency Hospital Abandoned—Has Splendid Record, Not Losing a Case.

At a meeting of the Local Board of Health last evening it was decided to modify the masking order to the extent of permitting the discontinuance of the mask on the streets, except where two or more people are congregating to gether or conversing face to face, in which case they will be expected to use their masks. This, of course, does not cancel the requirement for the use of masks in stores and other places of business, but it is stipulated that people employed in offices need not mask except while serving customers, etc.

The status of the influenza epidemic is much better this week—in fact the best it has been since the breaking out of the disease here. There have been only two or three new cases during the present week. Two of the children of Mrs. Conrad Hunter have the disease and there are two cases in the family of William V. Walker, father of Mrs. Hunter. It was reported that Heleman Webster was coming down with the disease, but this has proved to be untrue. Five or six days ago Mrs. Lottie Hunter and some members of her family came down with "flu," but are now about over it. So that if everybody will be real careful for a few days longer, there is an excellent prospect of clearing up the scourge here.

The emergency hospital at the B. A. C. has been cleared of patients and closed, and the building is being renovated and gotten in readiness for the resumption of school work Dec. 30th, if no new contingency arises to prevent.

It is only justice to Dr. Macfarlane and the efficient nurses, headed by Mrs. Maycock and Miss Bowman, to call attention to the excellent record made by this emergency hospital during the time it was in operation. In all more than thirty patients, for the most part selected because of their serious condition, were treated there, and not a single death is charged against it. With a well ventilated, steam heated building, first-class equipment and scientific nursing, including strictly kept records of temperature, medicines, diet, etc., the patients were given the very best possible chance for their lives, as the results will prove.

Cedar City as a community and particularly those who have passed thru the disease, owe a heavy debt of gratitude to these noble ladies and the others who have given such valiant and valuable service at the imminent risk to their own lives in caring for the sick and needy, without which aid and assistance there would have been severe suffering and a much heavier toll of life.

Exposures from travel are being carefully guarded against, and several persons stopping here have been quarantined for the five day period. The special health officers are still making the rounds of their beats and keeping a close lookout for any new cases as well as a close surveillance over existing cases. So that everything possible is being done to eradicate the scourge, and it is hoped that we may be practically clear of it by Christmas.

—W.S.S.—

New Trucks for Mail Line.

Contractor W. H. Perry has purchased three new International pneumatic tired trucks for the mail route between Lund and St. George, via Cedar City, which will be used to handle the mails, particularly of the first, second and third class. When the parcel post mail is found excessive for the regular equipment it will be handled by special solid tired trucks.

The light Ford trucks have been found inadequate at this time of year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO LATTER-DAY SAINTS

President Heber J. Grant calls upon all members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to observe Sunday next, (Dec. 22) as a day of fasting and prayer to the Lord to turn aside the scourge of influenza that is sweeping the land.

All Christians in our community are invited to join their supplications with ours to the Great Father of all for relief from this terrible visitation. Let Cedar be a city whose people are unitedly bowed in humility and supplication on this day that is set apart for fasting and prayer.

H. H. LUNT,
Bishop Cedar East Ward.
W. R. PALMER,
Bishop Cedar West Ward.

DEMOBILIZATION TO INCLUDE CHILDREN

Children's Bureau of U. S. Department of Labor Heads "Back to the Schools" Drive.

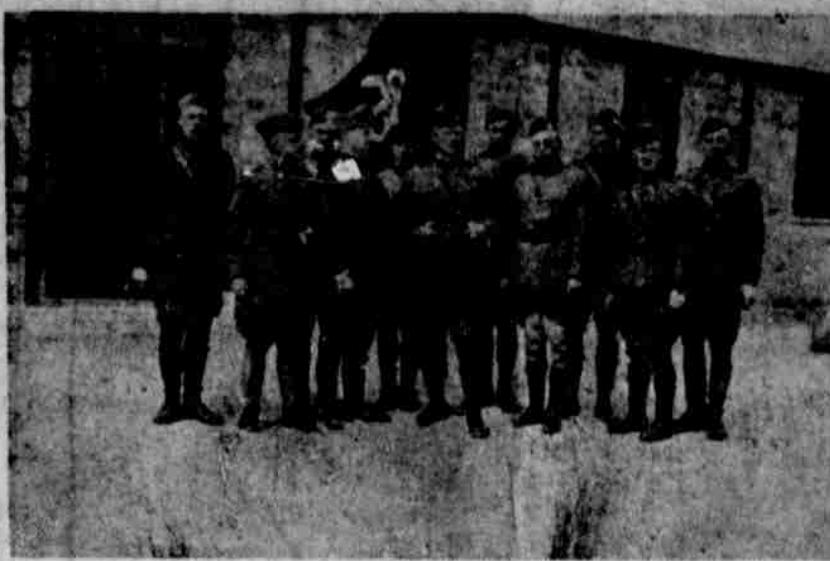
Plans for demobilization must include the children as well as the soldiers says the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor. Some provisions must be made for the hundreds of thousands of boys and girls who had their schooling cut short because of the war. In normal times, more than a million children under 16 years of age leave school each year to go to work. During the past two years, according to the Children's Bureau, that army of child workers has been greatly increased. In some industrial centers the number of children taking out working papers has more than doubled since our entry into the war. Now, with peace shutting off war-production and the men in khaki marching back to their jobs, the demand for labor that called the boys and girls into industry will subside. Thousands of children will be thrown out of work. What provision will be made for them?

The Children's Bureau, in cooperation with the Child Conservation Section of the Council of National Defense, is trying to answer that question by a back-to-school drive. It is urging the appointment of a School-Welfare committee for every schoolhouse in the country. These committees will "round up" the boys and girls who have left school during the past year and try to persuade them to go back to their lessons if it is possible for them to do so.

School is the place for children at least until they are sixteen years of age, say those who are acquainted with the industrial situation. Very few of the trades will admit children under that age to apprenticeship. Boys and girls who are less than sixteen years old are doomed for the most part, to monotonous, unskilled work, that offers little chance for advancement and scant training that will be of use in the future. When they are too old for a child's work and a child's wages they are turned adrift, with little or no equipment for a man's job.

"Few of the children who leave school before they are sixteen years old are steadily employed," one of the Children's Bureau experts recently said. "It is estimated that in ordinary times scarcely half of the children between fourteen and sixteen years of age who are not in school are at work at any given time. There are not enough jobs to go round. The children who do find employment, moreover, do not as a rule make steady workers. They are too restless and irresponsible—too 'childish.' Many of them do not stay at a place long enough to acquire any training, if any were offered. They shift on the slightest pretext from one job to another, often with long periods of idleness between times. It is from their ranks that the great army of unemployed and unemployable that menaces our industrial peace is largely recruited.

"We cannot afford to waste children who are the America of tomorrow. If they are to be strong and wise to carry on the ideals for which so many men have died, we must see to it that they are not put to work before their bodies are sufficiently developed to bear the strain or before they have received the training in mind and hand necessary for a happy and useful life. Just as we are laying careful plans for the re-assimilation of the soldiers into industry, so must we lay



Brig. Gen. Richard W. Young of the 145th artillery (First Utah) and his staff.
These Utah men have nearly all of them given up good salaries for more than a year to serve their country on a soldier's pay. How about lending a little of your funds to your country at good interest through War Savings Stamps?

THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION

Washington, December 19.—President Wilson, as President of the American Red Cross, has issued the following Proclamation, asking every American to enroll in the Red Cross during the Christmas Roll Call, December 16 to 23:

The White House, Washington, D. C., November 26.
To the American People:
One year ago twenty-two million Americans, by enrolling as members of the Red Cross at Christmas time, sent to the men who were fighting our battles overseas a stimulating message of cheer and good will. They made it clear that our people were of their own free choice united with their government in the determination not only to wage war with the instruments of destruction, but also by every means in their power to repair the ravages of the invader and sustain and renew the spirit of the army and of the homes which they represented. The friends of the American Red Cross in Italy, Belgium and France have told, and will tell again, the story of how the Red Cross workers restored morale in the hospitals, in the camps, and at the cantonments, and we ought to be very proud that we have been permitted to be of service to those whose sufferings and whose glory are the heritage of humanity.

Now, by God's grace, the Red Cross Christmas message of 1918 is to be a message of peace as well as a message of good will. But peace does not mean that we can fold our hands. It means further sacrifice. Our membership must hold together and be increased for the great tasks to come. We must prove conclusively to an attentive world that America is permanently aroused to the needs of the new era, our old indifference gone forever.

The exact nature of the future service of the Red Cross will depend upon the program of the associated governments, but there is immediate need today for every heartening word and for every helpful service. We must not forget that our soldiers and our sailors are still under orders and still have duties to perform of the highest consequence, and that the Red Cross Christmas membership means a great deal to them. The people of the saddened lands, moreover, returning home today where there are no homes must have the assurance that the hearts of our people are with them in the dark and doubtful days ahead. Let us, so far as we can, help them back to faith in mercy and in future happiness.

As President of the Red Cross, conscious in this great hour of the value of such a message from the American people, I should be glad if every American would join the Red Cross for 1919, and thus send forth to the whole human family the Christmas greeting for which it waits and for which it stands in greatest need. (Signed)

WOODROW WILSON.

THE GREAT CROSS OF MERCY.

GLORIOUS with scars and rents the battle-banners rise,
And the great flags of triumph are spreading to the skies,
Our tears, our prayers, our praise for them, but when the last
Our hearts extol the banner that bears the Cross of Red.

The great Cross of Mercy that calls a world in pain
To lift its soul to courage, to look on hope again—
The sign of Love victorious that hate hath never slain.

Ask those who have waited it upon the fields of strife,
Ask the stricken towns-folk it has given back to life,
Ask the lips of childhood, the valiant hosts of dead,
What this banner means to them that bears the Cross of Red.

The Great Cross of Mercy—O lift and keep it high,
Send its flaming message to all humanity
That pity is immortal and that Love shall never die.

(Written and dedicated to the Christmas Roll Call of the American Red Cross—by Theodosia Garrison.)

Before you go any further with your Christmas shopping, look over the advertisements in The Record. You may find a number of suggestions that will aid you materially in solving your problems.

—W.S.S.—

The weather seems to be shaping around for a snow for Christmas, after all.

plans for the re-assimilation of the children who have served in factories and offices and on the farms into the schools.

ST. GEORGE MAN BADLY BURNED WITH GASOLINE

Sunday night about 10 o'clock Eli Whipple of this city was severely burned. He was on his way home from the Dixie mine, accompanied by Bert Sorenson, and had made camp for the night at Curley Hollow. He had been moving cans of coal oil and gasoline when on the road to prevent it coming in contact with the food, and some of the gasoline saturated his clothing. He fastened a carbide

I AM A REFUGEE GARMENT

I was made by a patriotic woman in a little town on the Western plains of America. She does not speak the language of the fatherless child who will wear me, but—
I am a message of love which needs no translation.
I reveal the pulsating heart of a generous people.
I represent that people more truly and faithfully than does the greatest diplomat.
I speak more eloquently than the most powerful orator.
To a people on the verge of despair I bear new hope and vision.
I bring delight to the eyes of a little child to whom happiness is a stranger.
I AM A REFUGEE GARMENT.—Arc Rays.

IMPORTANT TASK FACES COUNTRY

How to Get the Children and Young People Back in School Engrossing Minds of Educators.

"Of course I know Jack needs to go to school and he's pretty young to work, but we need the money," said a mother today when she was talking things over with a member of the School Welfare Committee. It is for just such children as Jack, and hundreds of others who are working because living cost is high and wages good that the Child Conservation Section and the Children's Bureau U. S. Department of Labor, started the Back-to-School Drive.

In the eyes of the President and his cabinet, returning back to school the children who have left too early is an important piece of work, and as good an investment for the future as Liberty Bonds. In a letter to Secretary Lane, President Wilson says: "The maintenance of the schools is a matter of the very greatest importance, affecting both our strength in war, and our national welfare and efficiency when the war is over. There will be urgent need not only for trained leadership in all lines of industrial, commercial, social, and civic life, but for a very high average of intelligence and preparation on the part of all the people. I would, therefore, urge that the people continue to give generous support to the schools of all the grades."

Since the opening of the fall school term, the Children's Bureau has made a series of quick surveys in the industrial and commercial centers which have shown that large numbers of children have left school for work, and further that the children are not doing the kind of work which gives them training now, or much hope of further development.

To combat this situation the Back-to-School Drive was organized. The right education of the children is the best preparedness for National strength in time of peace. As a real piece of reconstruction work the women of the Local Child Welfare Committees of the Council of National Defense have taken up the Back-to-School Drive. They talk to the children and to the children's parents in an effort to keep the children from leaving the schools prematurely. Financial assistance in the form of scholarships will be given to many of the children who cannot afford to stay in school; the Red Cross will help others who have close relatives still in the service. The country is determined that when Johnnie comes marching home he shall find his smaller brothers and sisters equipped to do their work in industry as well as he did his in the army.

—W.S.S.—

Get those stockings darned and in shape for Christmas eve. Old Santa will soon be due.

lamp to himself, in front, to see to feed the horses while Sorenson was preparing supper. The carbide lamp set fire to his clothing and instantly his clothing was ablaze. He called to Sorenson and jerked off his clothing, aided by Sorenson, but not before his heavy mackinaw and other clothes were burned through. He sustained very serious burns on his chest and stomach and the doctors say it will be many days before he will be able to work.

Sorenson had his hands badly burned in assisting Whipple—Washington County News.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER— CHARGED WITH DESERTION

Jos. E. Waters Homesteader from this County, Held by Government on Serious Charge.

Parowan, Utah, Dec. 12—Joseph E. Waters, who was liberated for lack of evidence on a charge of murdering Joseph Ashby, a neighboring homesteader, is under arrest at Fort McArthur for alleged desertion from the army and is said to have confessed to the killing. He was captured in Colton, Cal., where he was said to have been living under the name of W. C. Jones.

The widow of the slain homesteader was said to have been living in Colton with Waters and his sister.

Poor spelling is said to have led to Water's undoing, for in letters written under his name while he was in Parowan and in others while he was living in Colton, there occurred the word "clothes" and the word was spelled "clows" by the fugitive. The latter epistles were directed to a young woman in Parowan, who was urged to join him in California. The young woman turned the correspondence over to the authorities.

Ashby, who lived on a homestead near that of Waters, was shot dead from ambush. The widow was said at first to have been willing to testify against Waters, but she disappeared from the community. The evidence was inconclusive and the defendant was discharged upon being inducted into the army. When he overstayed a furlough the military authorities began a search for him. His arrest took place at 122 Ninth street, Colton by deputy sheriffs of San Bernardino county.

—W.S.S.—

THINGS LOOKING GOOD FOR ARROWHEAD TRAIL

Chas. H. Bigelow, secretary of the Arrowhead Trails Development Association returned Monday night from Salt Lake, where he had been about two weeks on business connected with the "trail."

Mr. Bigelow reports the business men of Salt Lake as rallying loyally to the needs of the southern part of the State in the matter of roads. Jos. H. Manderfield and Charles Ting are giving their time in half-day periods to explaining the purposes of the Arrowhead Trail to the business men, educating them to the needs of the south.

Mr. Bigelow says there will be no unnecessary delay in getting to work on the Indian Reservation part of the road. The whole of the work will be under the direction of State Engineer Geo. F. McGonagle.—The Washington County News.

—W.S.S.—

"TELL THE TRUTH AND SHAME THE DEVIL"

Some towns, as reflected by their newspapers, try to establish a false impression of the immunity of their communities from influenza by suppressing the facts and keeping mum on this important subject. As a matter of fact, however, instead of doing this they arouse suspicion and destroy confidence, and in many instances are charged with much worse conditions than actually exist. The Record believes in absolute honesty in matters of this kind, and has kept the public advised each week as accurately as possible just what the condition was at the time of going to press. There is nothing gained by the "hushing up" policy relied upon by some people and some communities. "Murder will out," and it is better to state the facts than to try to suppress them and have someone else circulate the information for you.

—W.S.S.—

The big Red Cross membership drive seems to be meeting with good success in Cedar City, despite the fact that many people are complaining of the shortage of cash. But the Red Cross is one organization or charity we cannot turn down no matter how hard up we may be. We believe that when the drive closes on Christmas it will be found that the society has a much larger membership here than ever before.

—W.S.S.—

Send your Soldier Boy The Record.